



Montana Regional Initiatives in Dental Education (RIDE)

RIDE MISSION:

Develop Montana dentists who will make a personal commitment to serving the needs of rural and underserved

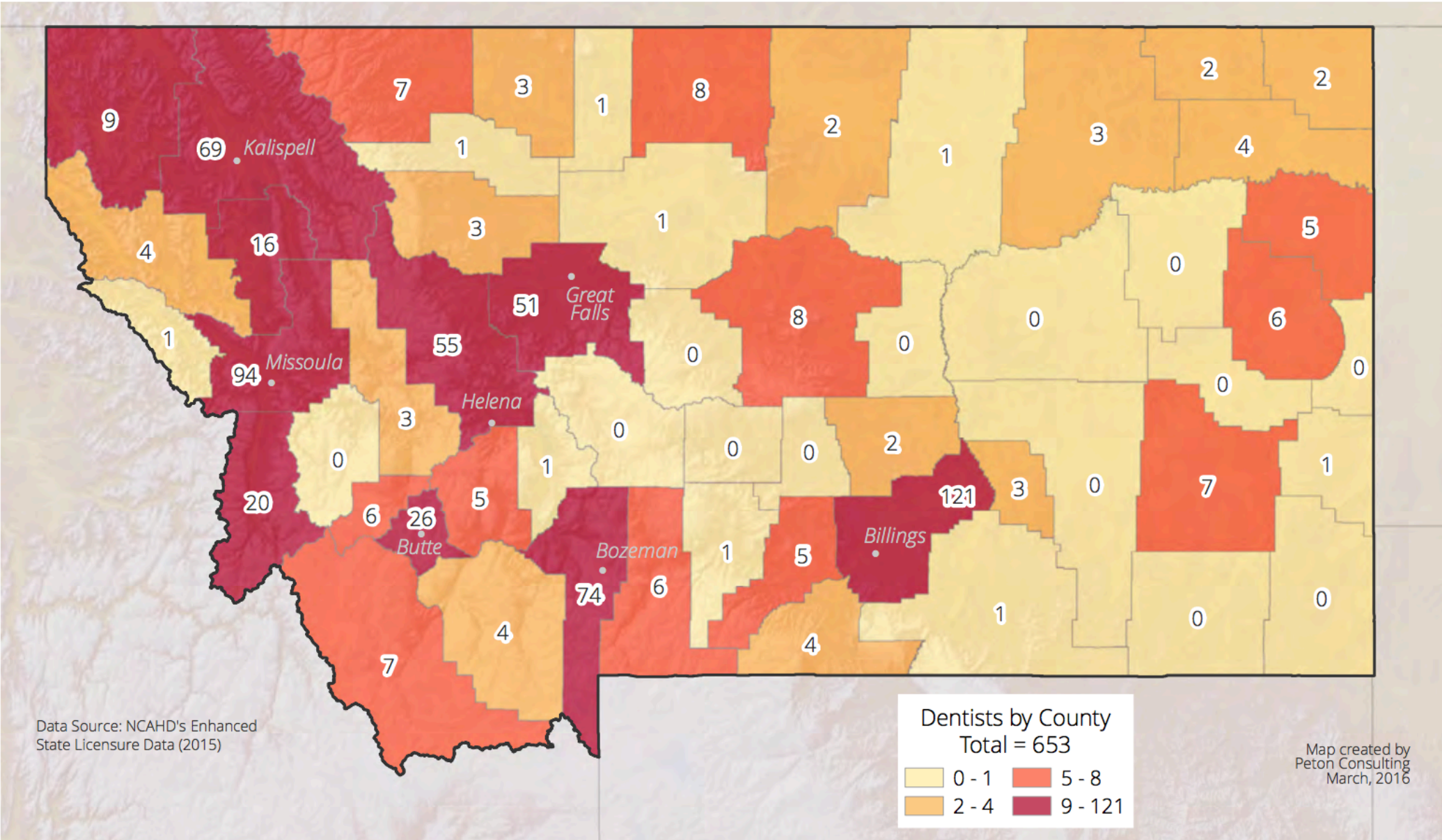


WHAT PROBLEMS COULD POOR DENTAL HEALTH CAUSE?



MONTANA RIDE

DENTISTS BY COUNTY IN MONTANA (2015)

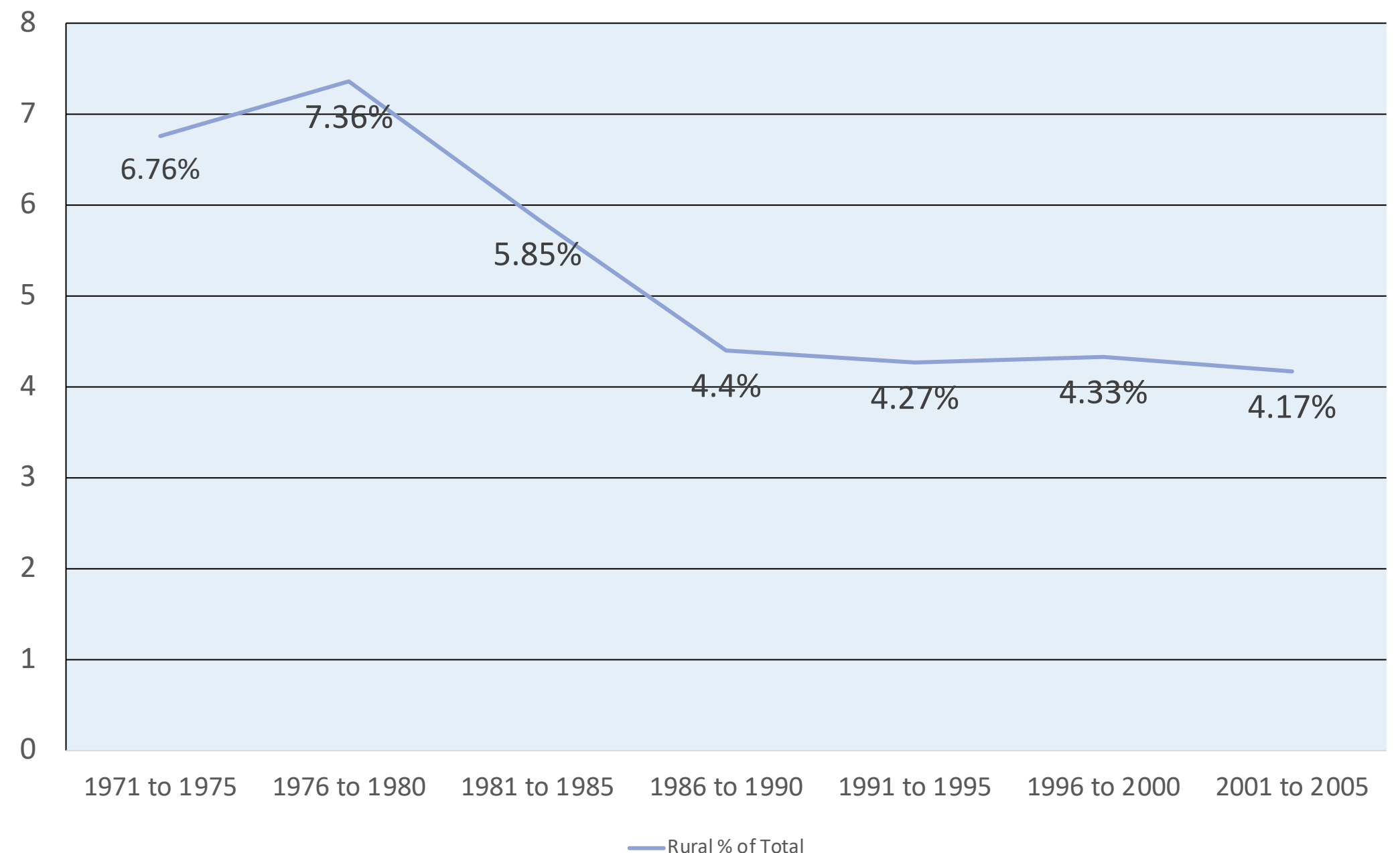


80% of Montana dentists practice in 9 counties.

RURAL DENTIST SHORTAGE:

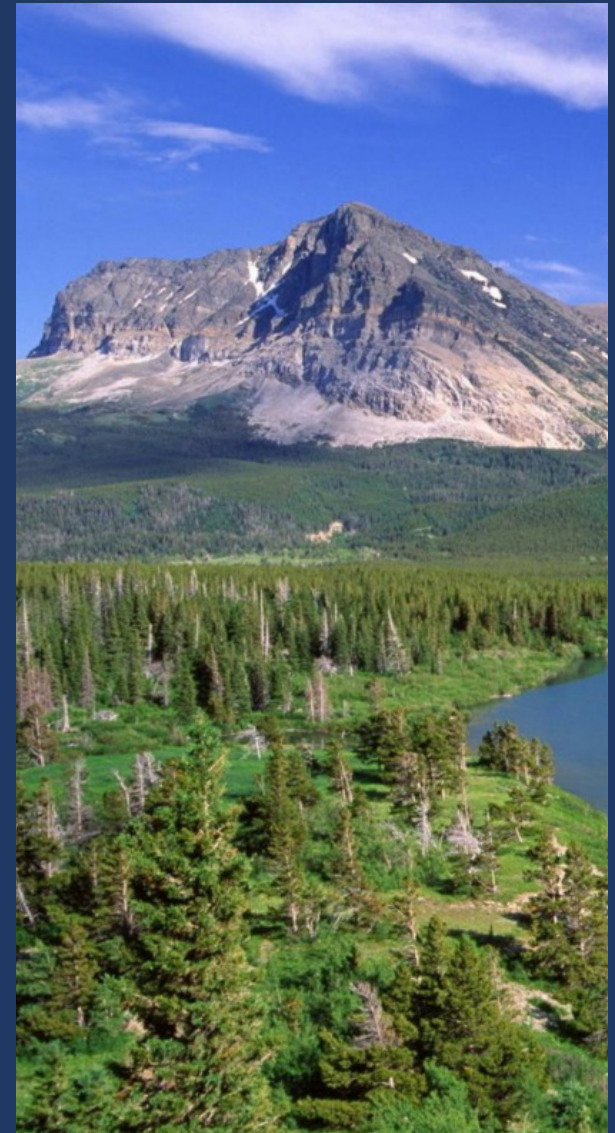
- Without targeted programs, less than 1 of every 20 graduating dentists choose to practice in rural areas.
- Just as WWAMI addresses the shortage of primary care doctors, RIDE has a similar intention for dentists.

**American Dental Association Survey
% of US Dental Grads Going to Rural Areas**



WHY MONTANA RIDE:

- Higher education STEM opportunities for Montanans
 - 32 student slots
- Investment in expanded dental workforce in rural and underserved areas in Montana (WWAMI model).
 - 79% of WA RIDE grads are in rural/underserved
- Increased MT clinical capacity through student rotations in community health centers, tribal health and IHS sites
 - During the RIDE pilot (2016-2021), 68 Montana rotations provided 12,240 hrs of service to MT dental clinics.



MONTANA RIDE CURRICULUM

YEAR 1: MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

MT RIDE dental students in existing MSU WWAMI infrastructure.



YEAR 2: RUOP ROTATION – MONTANA

Four-week **clinical rotation** in rural Montana communities.



YEAR 2: EASTERN WA UNIV. – SPOKANE

Didactic and pre-clinic **courses** in Spokane.



YEAR 3: UNIV OF WA– SEATTLE

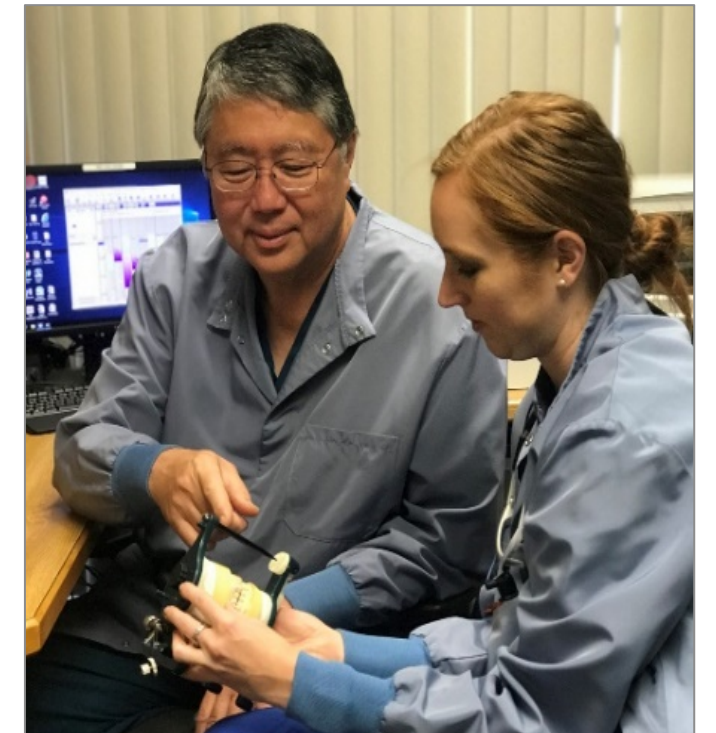
Clerkship and comprehensive care **clinical training** in Seattle.



YEAR 4: EXTENDED ROTATION – MONTANA

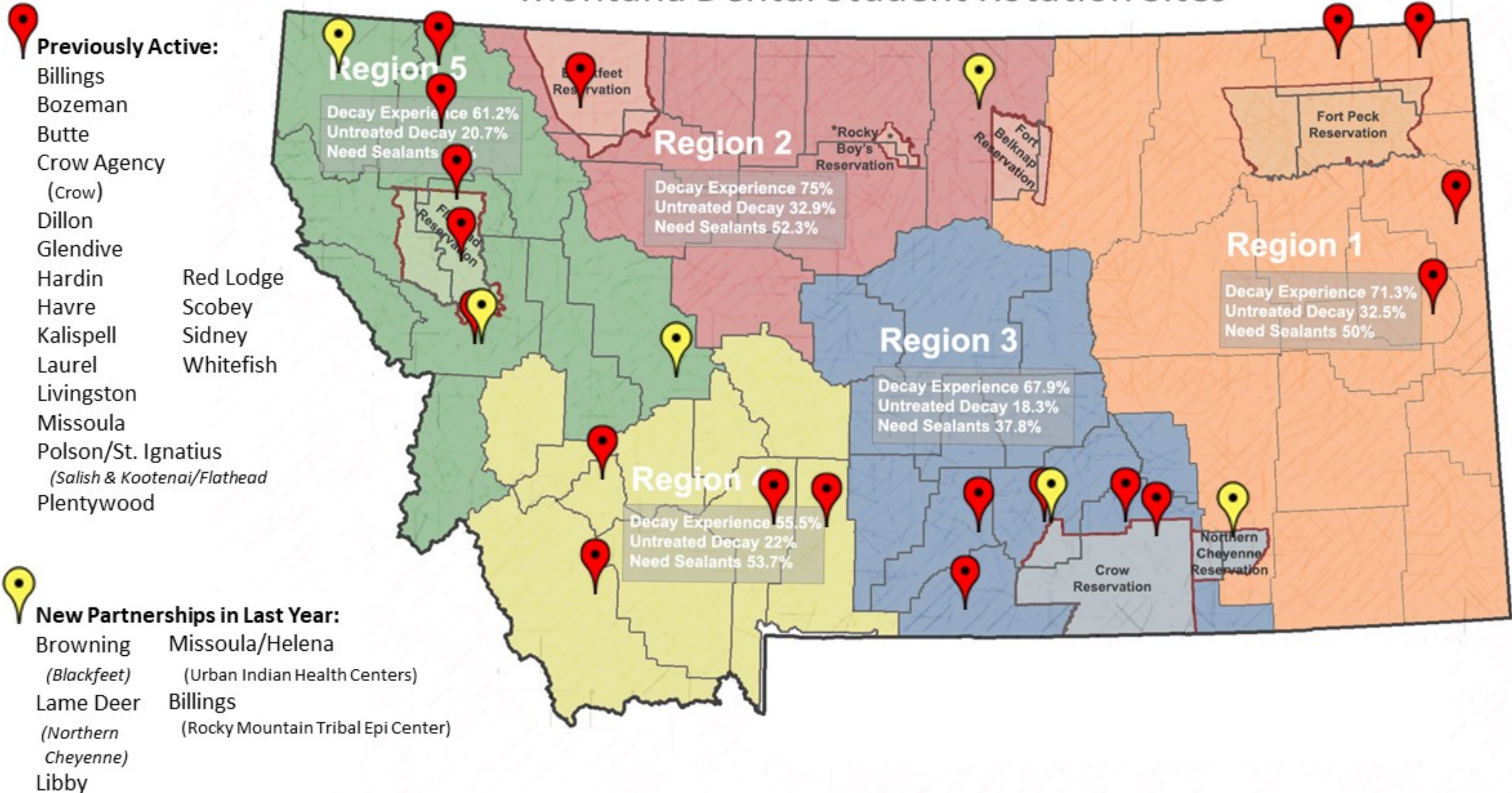
Five-month **clinical rotation** in rural Montana communities.

Partners MSU and UM provide **interprofessional education (IPE)**



MONTANA RIDE PARTNERS

Montana Dental Student Rotation Sites

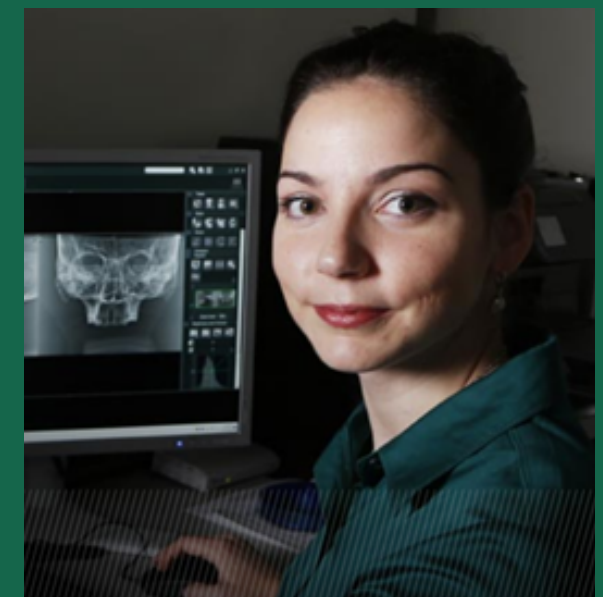


RIDE EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES

- 78% of practicing dental RIDE graduates are in rural/underserved areas in the state and region.
N = 72 (2012-2020, 9 cohorts)
- RIDE dentists prefer community health and rural working environments
- Educational equivalence of RIDE track affirmed in accreditation site visits in 2012 & 2016
- High student and preceptor satisfaction, the RIDE program has more applicants than we can accept



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